

Apalachicola July 31/90

Watson, dear, "The combat thickens," and I am prepared to "rush to glory or the grave" by inspecting four, & possibly, five species of *Schrankia*.

Veined leaflets

*S. S. incinata* & *Florida*

Veins obscure

*S. S. angustata* & *hirsidula* (brachycarpa).

I am not yet satisfied that *S. uncinata* is here. <sup>Capalonga & Gattugui</sup> Mohr alone ~~inserts~~ <sup>(Gillies)</sup> it, but he writes me that it was a mistake. I am waiting to hear from Gattugui's St. Temple, for this may be correct. Has Canby's 5-6 pair of pinnas or 2-3 pairs. That will determine whether his is *S. uncinata* or *Florida*. Britton writes "there are specimens <sup>Cotyle Cole</sup> (in <sup>Herb</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>herb</sup>) marked *S. uncinata* --- from St. Augustin (Canby) & *S. Carolina* (Reed) from your herbarium "the pods are sparsely spined, the leaflets are veined". There is some mistake, for I never had a correspondent by that

name, and none from *S. Carolina*  
exceptus Ravenel & Curtis.

Durand, just previous to his <sup>death</sup>, sent me  
a package of choice bits from various  
regions, & possibly, one of them may  
be the one in my herbarium, and  
might have come from the west.  
Very little of Grains Mississippi botany  
was known, I believe, in Willdenow's  
time, and his plant would not be  
likely to come from there, but I can't  
help thinking that his range was a  
sinecure, unless he included our  
other species. If Gattinger's plant proves  
not to be *S. uncinata*, then I must con-  
tinue the species in Willdenow's authority  
alone.

I did not commence this letter to  
tell you this, but to enclose the  
legumifera species that I found  
among the Mts of N. Western  
Ga. It was out of flower and only  
a portion containing three leaves & two  
fruitful peduncles were preserved. I supposed  
it was a form of *S. angust-bract*, but  
on closer inspection I think it nearer  
Grain's *platycarpa*.

The pinnae of the three leaves are six,  
and it is a much stouter plant  
than our *brachycarpa*, the valves of  
the legum are much wider, while  
the replum is much narrower, &  
with less prickly. Please compare  
it with Gray's. For comparison I  
also enclose legumes of *brachycarpa*.

Thanks for your congratulations, I  
don't intend to trouble you again,  
but remain Yours, faithfully,

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